

The Missing Children's Stamp Committee was formed in January 1996 by Chairman John L. Brezinski, a Herkimer County Legislator, and is a subcommittee of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (Mohawk Valley Branch). In its first year of existence, the Committee received over 35,000 letters of support for their efforts from across the globe, but has run into many hurdles along the way. In the past, the USPS Stamp Advisory Committee has refused to approve such a stamp. Forty-five other sponsors of this legislation and I are calling on the USPS Stamp Advisory Committee to act and issue a stamp to address this critical issue.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 800,000 children are reported missing each year—that's almost 200 each day. According to a recent Zogby International poll of 1,401 adults, more than two-in-three Americans say the USPS Stamp Advisory Committee should issue a stamp raising awareness about the plight of missing and exploited children. The people have spoken and we must respond.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me and the forty five other original cosponsors and show their support for this resolution, the need to raise awareness, and the need to protect our children.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL JOHN R. PRIDDY, USMC

HON. ERNEST J. ISTOOK, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Colonel John R. Priddy who is about to retire and return to private life after more than 28 years of selfless service to our great Nation as a United States Marine. Colonel Priddy graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma, and after completing Marine Corps Officer Candidate School was commissioned a Second Lieutenant.

He has served with numerous operational commands including the Third Marine Division; Second Battalion, Tenth Marines; the First Marine Expeditionary Brigade; and First Battalion (Reinforced), 12th Marines. He has served as a commanding officer three times; first aboard the USS *Midway* (CV-41) where he served as Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment; next as the Commanding Officer of First Battalion (Reinforced), 12th Marines; and finally as Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Combined Arms Training Center at Camp Fuji, Japan. Colonel Priddy is also a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

He has also served with support units at Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia; Naval Amphibious School, Little Creek, Virginia; Headquarters, United States Marine Corps; and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He is a graduate of the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army School of Advanced Military Studies.

Colonel Priddy has served as the Commandant of the Marine Corps Fellow to the Center for Strategic and International Studies,

and as the Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps Quadrennial Defense Review 2001 Group. In August 2001 he assumed duties as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, his last active duty position.

Throughout his career as a United States Marine, Colonel Priddy demonstrated uncompromising character, discerning wisdom, and a sincere, profound sense of duty to his country, his Corps, and especially to his Marines and their families. On behalf of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I would like to recognize Colonel Priddy's accomplishments and his devoted service to the Nation. Congratulations to him and his wife Diana, on the completion of a long and distinguished career.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR.
LAWRENCE S. SYKOFF, ED.D.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize an exemplary individual, Dr. Lawrence S. Sykoff. Next month will mark Dr. Sykoff's 10th anniversary as head master of the Ranney School in Tinton Falls, New Jersey. Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Sykoff has demonstrated an aweinspiring commitment to learning and education, and it is for that reason that I ask my colleagues to rise up with me in honoring him.

Dr. Sykoff's love of education was apparent early on. He first qualified for the New York State teaching certification while studying as an undergraduate. After graduating from the Bernard Baruch School of Business Administration in New York, Dr. Sykoff took a job as an accountant but was drawn away from that field by an overwhelming desire to educate. Feeling the call to teach, Dr. Sykoff enrolled at the University of San Diego and earned a Master of Education degree in little over a year. He was later awarded a doctorate from the same university. By that time Dr. Sykoff was nationally known in academic circles for his studies of Middle School education and curriculum development.

In 1993, The Ranney School was in need of a new Head of School to lead it into the twenty-first century. That is when Dr. Sykoff arrived with a vision for Ranney's future that included growth, excellence, prosperity and technological superiority. Since his arrival ten years ago, Dr. Sykoff has been successful at achieving every one of those goals. Under his guidance, Dr. Sykoff transformed the Ranney School into a state of the art learning center that can accommodate nearly 750 students. With modern computer technology, including a distance learning auditorium, and the most up-to-date laboratories and classroom facilities, the Ranney School is better suited to prepare students for a prosperous future both personally and professionally.

In addition to being the Headmaster at the Ranney School, Dr. Sykoff has been an active member of several educational professional organizations including the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the National Association of Independent Schools, and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools. He recently served as

Treasurer of NJAIS and continues to serve on its Board of Trustees and Finance Committee. Dr. Sykoff is also past President of the New Jersey Patriot Conference for independent school sports. In addition, he is a member of the Board of the Monmouth County, New Jersey Chapter of the American Cancer Society and a past member of the Board of the Monmouth County Family and Children's Service.

Mr. Speaker, there can be no doubt that Dr. Sykoff has been a consistent advocate of educating our country's youth. I congratulate this remarkable individual for his lasting commitment to learning and ask that my colleagues rise up in recognition of the distinguished Dr. Lawrence S. Sykoff.

THE FCC AND THE TRIENNIAL
REVIEW

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, it's been almost three months since the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to approve the Triennial Review decision and still no written order has been issued by the Commission.

Mr. Speaker, the Triennial Review offered the FCC the unique opportunity to boost the Nation's economy and not only save jobs—but create jobs as well. The Commission, however, responded to the challenge by issuing a ruling that is contradictory—largely deregulating broadband on one hand while, on the other, continuing the enormous regulatory burden of requiring large local phone companies to lease their lines at below cost rates to competitors. While I applaud the Commission's deregulatory view on broadband, the lack of common sense in requiring one company to literally subsidize its competitors is beyond comprehension.

In conclusion, the FCC has succeeded in creating uncertainty in the marketplace, and uncertainty on Wall Street typically converts to financial disaster. The order that is now being written at the FCC will consist of several hundred pages of regulatory detail. I urge the Commission and its staff to finish its work on the Triennial Review order as quickly as possible so we can begin the tedious legal process of examining these details. Let us not forget that the jobs of thousands of hard-working men and women, and the renewed health of our Nation's economy, are at stake and deserve more than to be held captive by the red tape of the Federal bureaucracy.

HONORING THE 28TH ANNUAL
CAPITAL PRIDE FESTIVAL

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the 28th Annual Capital Pride Festival, a celebration of and for the National Capital Area's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered communities, their families, and their friends.

Since its beginning in 1975, the Capital Pride Festival has grown from a small block